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TO: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL FEDERAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION (FEC)

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SWORN COMPLAINT AND AFFIDAVIT

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COMPLAINANT,

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AND

PHILLIP G. MESKIN A/K/A P.G. MESKIN D/B/A THE VETERANS POST NEWSPAPER, AND D/B/A THE VETERANS PARTY OF AMERICA; FEC COMMITTEE I.D. C00393058;

AND/OR.

THE VETERANS PARTY OF AMERICA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(AN UNKNOWN LEGAL ENTITY) FEC COMMITTEE I.D. C00393058;
AND/OR

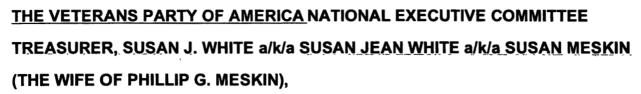
THE VETERANS PARTY OF AMERICA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSON PHILLIP G. MESKIN A/K/A P.G. MESKIN, FEC COMMITTEE I.D.
C00393058;

RESPONDENT #1,

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RESPONDENT #2.

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ALLEGATIONS

- 1. FRAUD IN CONNECTION WITH FORMING A POLITICAL PARTY. VIOLATION OF 11 CFR 9012.4, INTER ALIA.
- 2. FRAUD IN CONNECTION WITH FORMING A NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY. VIOLATION OF 11 CFR 9012.4, INTER ALIA.
- 3. MISAPPROPRIATION OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS. VIOLATION OF 11 CFR 9012.3, INTER ALIA.
- 4. CO-MINGLING OF A NON-PROFIT POLITICAL PARTY WITH A FOR PROFIT BUSINESS VENTURE. VIOLATION OF 11CFR9012.3 AND VIOLATION OF 11CFR9012.5, INTER ALIA.
- 5. FAILURE TO FILE 2005 MID-YEAR 2005 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES REPORT DUE JULY 31, 2005, VIOLATION OF 11 CFR 9012.4, INTER ALIA.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON RESPONDENT #1 PHILLIP G. MESKIN

- 1. Current National Executive Committee (NEC) CHAIRPERSON of the <u>VETERANS PARTY OF AMERICA</u> also referred to as "VPA" or "The Party."
- 2. Current Operator and former President and Director of the <u>VETERANS POST NEWSPAPER a/k/a the VETERANS POST NEWS</u>, f/k/a the <u>VETERANS POST NEWSPAPER</u>, INC., a former Florida Non-Profit Corporation but NOT an IRS 50(c)(3) Tax Exempt Corporation.
- 3. Current Operator of the <u>VETERANS PUBLIC AWARENESS FOUNDATION</u>, a "Project" or "Branch" of the <u>NATIONAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION</u> (NHF) and an alleged Veterans Charity. NHF is a Public Foundation and an IRS 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation but its "Projects" are not required to individually disclose the total amount Donations or Expenditures.

FOR PROFIT AND NON-PROFIT E-MAILS AND WEBSITES ILLEGALLY AND/OR UNLAWFULLY "CO-MINGLED" WITH THE VETERANS PARTY OF AMERICA AND THE PARTY'S WEBSITE

E-mails:

http://www.VeteransParty.US

Websites:

http://www.veteranspostnews.com

http://www.nhf.org Veterans Public Awareness Foundation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON RESPONDENT #2
SUSAN J. WHITE a/k/a SUSAN JEAN WHITE a/k/a SUSAN MESKIN

(The purported Wife of Phillip G. Meskin).

Current National Election Committee Treasurer of the <u>VETERANS PARTY OF</u> AMERICA.

Former Secretary, Treasurer and Director of <u>THE VETERANS POST NEWSPAPER</u>, <u>INC</u>.

Current Owner of <u>GRACE BUSINESS ENTERPRISES HOLDINGS COMPANY</u>.

SWORN AFFIDAVIT OF TERRY RICHARDS

- 1. I have known Respondent #1 for more than 4-years in that We have both been associated with the same weekly group sessions at Bay Pines VA Medical Center since about 2001. I have only known Respondent #2 for about 4months when introduced to me by Respondent #1 as being his Wife.
- 2. I have also been a Registered Voter of the Veterans Party since it first started in Florida in 2003 when Respondent #1 told us about it in one of the group sessions that we both attended.
- 3. I also wrote Veteran related articles for Respondent #1's Veterans Newspaper and the VPA Website as a non-compensated volunteer until on or about November 14, 2005, when I first learned of some of the unlawful and illegal activities alleged by me herein, at which time I resigned all of those said Volunteer duties.
- 4. Respondent #1 "Co-Mingles" his Veterans Newspaper by advising VPA Officers and Members such as myself, that:
 - A. His said Veterans Newspaper "Owns" the Veterans Party of America.
 - B. According to Witness #1 Gilbert Heroux, Florida Treasurer of the VPA, Heroux advised me over the telephone in early December of 2005, that during the first Annual Party Conference held in Tampa, Florida from on or about November 17 November 20, 2005, Respondent #1, as NEC Chairperson of the VPA advised Party Officers and other Members that The Party "owes" Respondent #1's Veterans Newspaper \$30,000 that the Newspaper lent The Party.
 - C. According to Witness Heroux, when tendering payment for the Convention's Expenses, Respondent #1 told Heroux and other Officers and attendees of the Convention that they should <u>make-out Checks</u>

 <u>Payable to the Veterans Post Newspaperrather than to the Veterans Party of America.</u>
- 5. Additionally, State of Florida Public Records reveal that the <u>Veterans Post Newspaper</u> is neither a "Legal Entity" Corporation "separate" from Phillip G. Meskin since it was dissolved in 2001, and is NOT even registered as a "Fictitious Name" such as <u>Phillip Meskin d/b/a Veterans Post Newspaper</u>.

- 6. Also according to Gilbert Heroux, to the best of his knowledge, NEC Charperson Phillip G. Meskin and NEC Treasurer Susan J. White Meskin have never been elected to their NEC positions. It appears that they have just assumed their positions as there was not a Vote offered or held at said Party Convention for said NEC Chairperson or Treasurer.
- 7. Respondent #1 also "co-mingles" his said Veterans Charity with the Veterans Party of America by advertising and soliciting for donations on The Party's website, of which I have saved a copy to my computer documents in the event he should erase same from said website, of which a copy of same is available upon request.
- 8. According to State of Florida Public Records, <u>Grace Holding Company</u> is a registered Fictitious Name Owned by Respondent #2. This Holding Company's address appears to be similar to one of those Boxes one can rent from UPS f/k/a Mail Boxes, etc., and is located in Pinellas Park, Florida, a suburb of St. Petersburg, rather than the $1441 9^{th}$ Street South in St. Petersburg, Florida address used for all the other Respondent's Venture's.
- 9. Holding Companies are usually formed to temporarily Hold Checks and Cash received by other Businesses other than the Holding Company, and then to be later disbursed to its proper account. Therefore, I have both reason and probable cause to believe that said Holding Company may be Unlawfully hiding VPA Political Contributions, among other things.
- 10. According to research provided by Oregon Chairperson of the VPA Gregory Decker, and sent by E-mail and forwarded E-mail that I received, both the VPA may not be lawfully formed in that it lacks incorporation as a legal entity and/or it failure to file as a Tax Exempt Non-Profit Political Party with the IRS.
- 11. Also according to Witness Gregory Decker, the VPA's NEC may not even be lawfully formed since in that it was fraudulently formed and its Chairperson, Respondent #1, and its Treasurer Respondent #2, we not lawfully elected but rather assumed said positions on the NEC.
- 12. According to E-mails that I have received and have saved, anumber of State Officers have asked Respondent #1 and Respondent #2 to stepdown. However, to date, they have refused to do so.
- 13. According to the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) Online Database, Respondent #2, the VPA Treasurer, failed to file the required 2005 Mid-Year

Contributions and Expenditures Report which was due by July31, 2005, and to date still has not filed said Report.

- 14. Since VPA started its operation in 2003, FEC records reveal that this was the fourth time said or other Treasurer of the VPA failed to file the required documents on time.
- 15. Upon my query to Respondent #1, Respondent #1 left me a message on my voice-mail that the reason the NEC had not filed the said 2005 FEC MidYear Report was because the National Committee had only received \$600 to date? I made a copy of said voice-mail, and is available upon the FEC's request of same.
- 16. However, the 2004 Year-End FEC Online "Photographed Paper" Report reveals that the National Committee received \$3,749 in Contributions. But a computer generated copy of 2004 funds mailed to me by the FEC reveals \$4,126 in Contributions rather than the said \$600 in Contributions told to me by Respondent #1. And as the FEC knows, even if the NEC does not receive Contributions or have any Expenditures, the FEC still requires the NEC file these FEC Reports on time.
- 17. Based upon all of Complainant's allegations against Respondents as stated herein, and the fact that I have personally seen that said Respondents have State of the Art Computer Equipment at their home which is also Mailing Address for said Veterans Charity, Veterans Party, and Veterans Newspaper. and the fact that Respondent #1 purports to have a Degree in Computer Science, reasonable minds would conclude that Respondents are filing FEC Campaign Reports by "Paper" because it's harder for the FEC to keep track of his transactions, and more difficult for the Public to read the "Photographed Forms" on the FEC Campaign Finance Database?
- 18. About 6-months ago, Respondent #1 told me when people inquire about financial activities of the <u>Veterans Party of America</u> he tells them that:

"The Veterans Party of America is a Business and so it's none of their Business"...

Of course the Financial Records of a Political Party are open to Public Disclosure... And based on all of the above-alleged unlawful and illegal acts stated by me, I can now understand why Respondent #1 tells people that.

WITNESSES

WITNESS #1:

GILBERT HEROUX, TREASURER, FLORIDA VETERANS PARTY OF AMERICA (VPA), WITNESS #1.

WITNESS #2:

ROBERT "BOB" THOMPSON, CHAIRPERSON, FLORIDA VETERANS PARTY OF AMERICA (VPA),

Panama City, FL 32404-8458

WITNESS #3:

GREGORY DECKER
CHAIRPERSON, OREGON VETERANS PARTY OF AMERICA.

WITNESS #4:

E.J. GRAYCKOWSKI FORMER CHAIRPERSON, COLORADO VETERANS PARTY OF AMERICA.

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Per Grayckowski: "Had sent a money order donation under \$25 to the VPA for Dennis Bradley campaign in prior years and another money order for the purchase of bumper stickers. No bumper stickers were received from the VPA and no acknowledgement of the donation to said campaign fund."

"The \$3,500 was not sent to NEC but funds spent in Colorado to establish the VPA Law very strict and tough statues in the formation as "Minor Political Party". Both attempts to establish the VPA in Colorado failed due to the lack of dedicated volunteers and one time inquirers "that will help but then hide behind the rock on the mountain, only never

to be seen and/or heard from again". I had a fewgreat supporters but we could not put a fire under the potential VPA members."

"Further I have asked for the supporting documents and financial statements. Requests just blew in the wind or into a short circuit."

I understand that I am Swearing or Affirming Under Oath to the Truthfulness of the claims made in this Affidavit and that the Punishment for Knowingly making a False Statement includes Fine and/or Imprisonment.

State of Florida
County of Pinellas , Sworn to or Affirmed Before Me on
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<i>G</i>
by TERRY RICHARDS
(Printed name of Affiant)
J P
(Signature of Affiant)
Town My Valla
(Signature of Notary Public or Deputy Clerk)
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